

Society affairs which augured well for the Society for the coming year.

Dr. Hunkin read a paper on "Polio-Myelitis," giving very extensively symptomatology, treatment and affect of the disease as well as the surgical correction of the deformity left as the result of the disease. The paper proved to be one of unusual interest and the same subject would be discussed next month by Dr. Langley Porter of San Francisco.

The Committee on Ethics recently mailed to all the members the copy of the enclosed letter and are endeavoring by every possible means to stamp out the practice of abortion.

B. F. WALKER, Secretary.

Stockton, Cal., September 23, 1910.

Dr. B. F. Walker, Stockton:

Dear Doctor:—About a year ago, as you are aware, our Medical Society incorporated. One reason for doing so was, that we might adjust our affairs in a more business-like manner and handle cases which come before us with a greater facility. We, the Committee on Ethics have recently had brought to our attention the fact that certain members of our Society are doing abortion work. Such conduct is a disgrace to the medical profession and we are going to use every effort at our command to root it out. Already certain members have been asked to appear before us to answer certain informal charges which have been preferred against them. If they are innocent it will be an easy matter for them to prove their innocence, and they will be glad of the opportunity to vindicate themselves. If they can not answer satisfactorily our report will be taken before the Board of Directors and formal action will be taken against them.

This is not a personal matter with us, but as members of the Committee on Ethics we have been instructed to do away with this and other dishonorable practices in our midst to the best of our ability.

We want the help of every innocent member of the Society, and with that help we will raise the standard of our profession here.

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CHARLES REES HARRY,  
A. M. TOWER,  
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E. A. ARTHUR,

Committee on Ethics.

#### SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

The regular monthly meeting of the Santa Clara County Medical Society was held Wednesday evening, October 19, in the parlors of the St. James Hotel; Dr. J. J. Miller presided.

After the routine business of the evening was finished, Mr. Charles G. Titus, a member of the international committee of the Y. M. C. A., addressed the meeting on some phases of the Y. M. C. A. work of interest to medical men, showing many photographs of gymnasiums, swimming pools, etc., found in some of the well equipped buildings now in use in different cities. After Mr. Titus' talk the society, by unanimous vote, endorsed the movement now on foot in San Jose, to put up a properly equipped Y. M. C. A. building.

Dr. P. A. Jordan then presented a very instructive paper on "Some Borderline Cases of Ear Disease," being a discussion of some of the commoner ear troubles that are often treated by the general practitioner.

Dr. Wm. Simpson then presented a paper on "Diagnosis of Eye Diseases Without the Use of the Ophthalmoscope." This paper was also of great interest to the general practitioners present.

Dr. E. R. Wagner, president of the Santa Clara County Medical Society, is absent from the city visiting some of the eastern cities, and looking over some of the prominent eye and ear hospitals. Dr. Wagner also intends to take up some special studies in Europe, chiefly in Vienna.

Dr. D. A. Beattie, who has been ill for the past two weeks with a severe attack of bronchitis, has recovered sufficiently to leave town for a short while for rest and recuperation.

#### Cooper College Science Club.

The regular monthly meeting of the Cooper College Science Club was held on Monday, Oct. 3rd, 1910. The scientific program was as follows:

I. Exhibition of Medical Cases. Chas. Minor Cooper. Discussion—Drs. Shiels, Luttrell, Rixford, Alvarez, Sewall.

II. A Case of Tubercular Ulcer of the Leg Treated by Electrolysis and Zinc Chloride. E. C. Fleischner and H. H. Yerrington. Discussion—Drs. Rixford, Alderson, Cooper, Yerrington.

Refreshments were served at the close of the program.

#### California Academy of Medicine.

The regular meeting of the California Academy of Medicine was held July 26, 1910.

A paper was read by Dr. H. T. Sherman entitled "Rupture of the Liver, Intestinal Obstruction and Subphrenic Abscess Opening Into Left Pleura." This paper will be published in a later number of the Journal.

Dr. Howard Morrow presented a patient with Dermatitis Herpetiformis and Arsenical Pigmentation.

The last meeting of the Academy was held August 23, 1910.

Dr. W. B. Lewitt read a paper entitled "Report of Five Cases of Infantile Pyloric Stenosis Treated by Repeated Lavage." This paper may be published at a later date.

Dr. Kugeler read a paper reporting three cases of Carcinoma of the Eosophagus.

These papers were discussed by the members present.

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